

Oliver Hardy, The Heavy Messiah

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Movie Idea:

Oliver Hardy as an approximately Jesus of Nazareth character, with Stan Laurel as his disciple who frequently incurs his frustration (as usual). Throughout as a running gag, people observe to Hardy that he's "WAY too... well, heavy", which always results in him giving them a long, annoyed look (inflection of word "heavy" subtly allowing for interpretation of colloquial meaning of heavy, e.g., Beatles song, "She's So Heavy". The two go traipsing around the desert as did Jesus, Hardy explaining things to people, who sometimes get it wrong, causing his usual, "No, no, NO!", and his usual making faces of consternation, etc., however, these are in connection with more complex Jesus type concepts, rather than straightforward slapstick behavior. "You HAVE to treat the poor FAIRLY. HOW many times do I have to TELL you!!! Umph!" Laurel sometimes chimes in, "Yes, I was there, he told you already," to which Hardy might say, "I'll handle this, you keep out of it."